

Laura is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Central High School. She graduated from the University of Wyoming where she majored in English and minored in creative writing. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Laura for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.

TRIBUTE TO JONATHAN KNIGHT

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Jonathan Knight for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Jonathan is a native of California and graduated from El Dorado High School. He currently attends the University of Wyoming where he is majoring in political science. Throughout his internship, he has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Jonathan for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.

TRIBUTE TO KELSEY LINFORD

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Kelsey Linford for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Kelsey Linford is a native of California and graduated from Centennial High School. She currently attends American University, where she is majoring in political communication and minoring in French. Throughout her internship, she has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Kelsey for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.

TRIBUTE TO WELCHIE PATTERSON

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Welchie Patterson for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Welchie is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Sundance High School. He graduated from the University of Wyoming, where he majored in political science. Throughout his internship, he has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Welchie for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.

TRIBUTE TO MAX WEISS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Max Weiss for his hard work as an intern with the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Max is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Rock Springs High School. He graduated from Leiden University in the Netherlands where he received his master of science in clinical psychology. As my intern in Rock Springs and in Washington, DC, he has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the time he has been with us.

I thank Max for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.

TRIBUTE TO HANNA WINZENRIED

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Hanna Winzenried for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Hanna is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Cody High School. She currently attends Brigham Young University, where she is majoring in French studies. Throughout her internship, she has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I thank Hanna for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING OFFICER JERMAINE GIBSON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to pay tribute to the life and service of Officer Jermaine Anthony Gibson of the Cathedral City Police Department who was killed in the line of duty on March 19, 2011. Officer Gibson will be remembered for his compassion, valor, bravery, and service in the field; and as a wonderful coworker, friend, and family man.

Jermaine "Jay" Gibson was born on August 3, 1982, in New Orleans, LA. He relocated to Richmond, CA, with his mother and brother in 1989. While attending Pinole Valley High School, he began 4 years of service as a police explorer—first with the Richmond Police Department and later with the Vallejo Police Department. After high school graduation in 2001, he continued his education at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Napa Valley College and graduated as a member of the academy's class 50 in 2002.

Jermaine Gibson enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2003, and from 2006–2007 served concurrently as a level 1 police reserve officer with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department. He was honorably discharged from the military as a Marine corporal on June 15, 2007. In recognition of his meritorious service, he was awarded numerous commendations—including a Good Conduct Medal, a Marine Corps martial arts Tan Belt, a pistol expert badge, two rifle expert badges, and two Purple Hearts for injuries sustained during combat in Iraq.

After returning to civilian status, Officer Gibson joined the Rialto Police Department on August 19, 2009, as a full-time sworn officer. Sixteen months later, he joined the Cathedral City Police Department, where he served until the end of his watch on March 19, 2011.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family, especially his wife Jessica and their six-week-old son Jermaine Jr.; his mother Cheryl; and his brother Taurean.●

RECOGNIZING OCEAN FARM TECHNOLOGIES

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, for the past month, the U.S. Senate has been considering legislation to reauthorize the critical Small Business Innovation Research, or SBIR, program. SBIR fosters an environment of innovative entrepreneurship by directing more than \$2 billion annually in Federal research and development funding to the nation's small firms most likely to create